

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of March, 1949.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 4/5/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

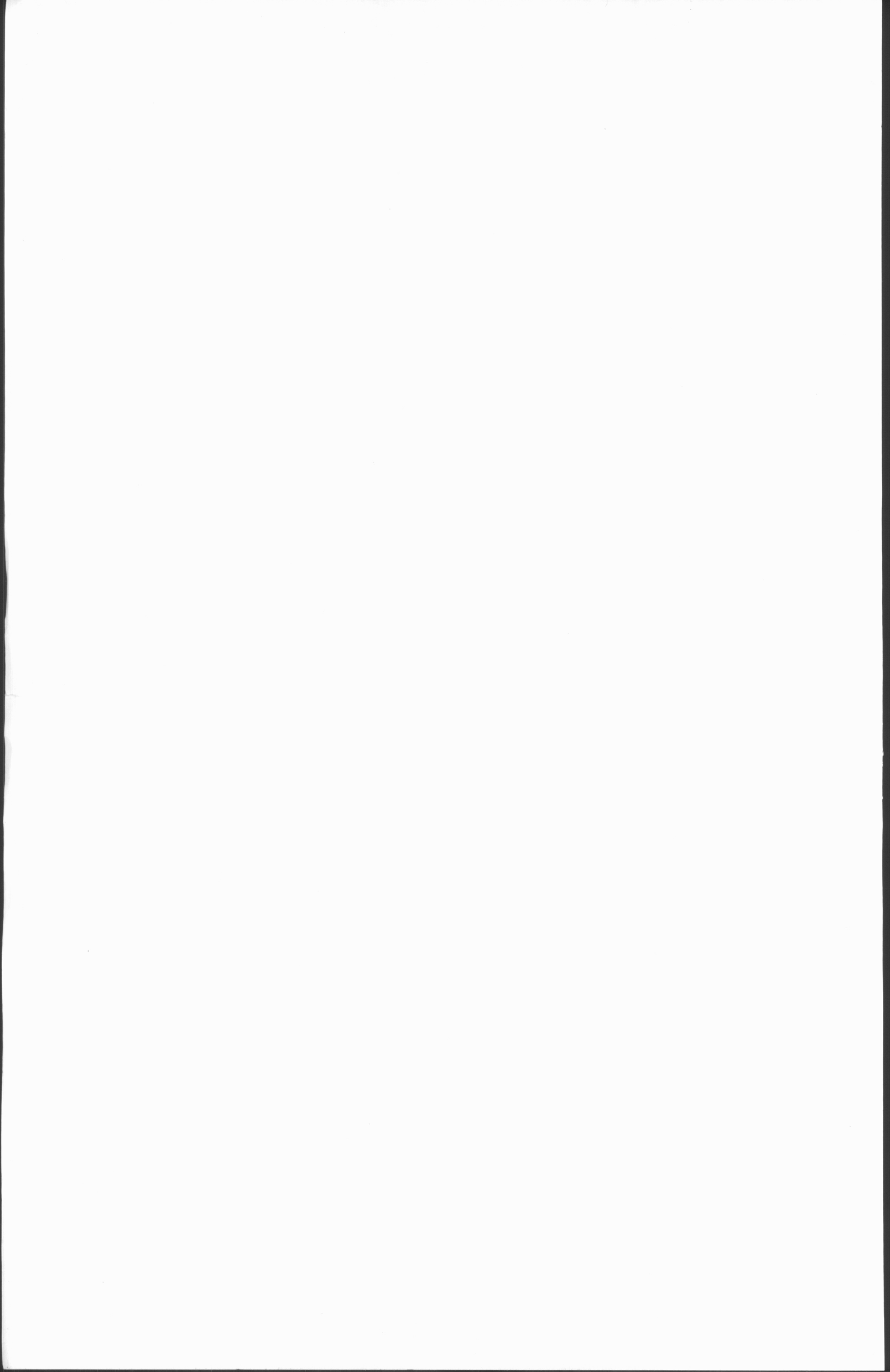
The population of the State on the 30th June 1948 was estimated to be 515,302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended - FEBRUARY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
MarriagesNo.	448	478	846	946
*Rate per 1000 of Population	11.18	11.83	10.03	11.32
Births.....No.	1,074	994	2,140	2,057
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.79	24.59	25.36	24.62
Deaths.....No.	347	303	719	674
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.66	7.62	8.52	8.07
Infant Mortality.....No.	34	28	66	56
Rate per 1000 Live Births	31.66	28.17	30.84	27.22
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	21	9	30	25
Cancer	45	41	90	95
Influenza	2	-	3	-
Diphtheria	1	-	2	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	32	36	68	67
Arteriosclerosis	6	8	27	14
Diseases of the Heart	92	80	198	189
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	14	18	26	28
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	2	10	4
Nephritis	10	13	21	21
Diseases of Early Infancy	19	14	37	33
Senility	11	6	20	11
Accidents	18	19	46	48
All Other Causes	71	62	141	137
TOTAL	347	308	719	674

* Equivalent Annual Rate.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March totalled 169,857 acres, a decrease of 1,892 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 545,394 acres, a decrease of 26,125 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£ 1,802,710	£ 1,413,380	£ 14,642,020	£ 11,936,175
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 8.10.	£2.15. 4.	£28.3.7.	£23.11.0
Expenditure	£ 1,860,111	£ 1,571,830	£ 15,340,066	£ 12,973,585
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.11. 1.	£3. 1. 6.	£29.10.5.	£25.11.11.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st March amounted to £36,649,959 or £69.18.10d. per head of population as against £35,551,772 or £69.10.8d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th March, 1949 amounted to £7,005,433 compared with £4,651,731 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No.	1,718	1,415	14,348	12,924
	£	1,213,772	1,122,426	8,071,880	6,928,155
Mortgages	No.	861	817	7,743	7,917
	£	905,796	757,142	7,640,027	7,348,457
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	949	749	7,374	7,789

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1948 -</u>	£	£	£	£
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
<u>1949 -</u>				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815

COMPANIES REGISTERED

93 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,888,500 and 37 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 87 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,592,500 and 35 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

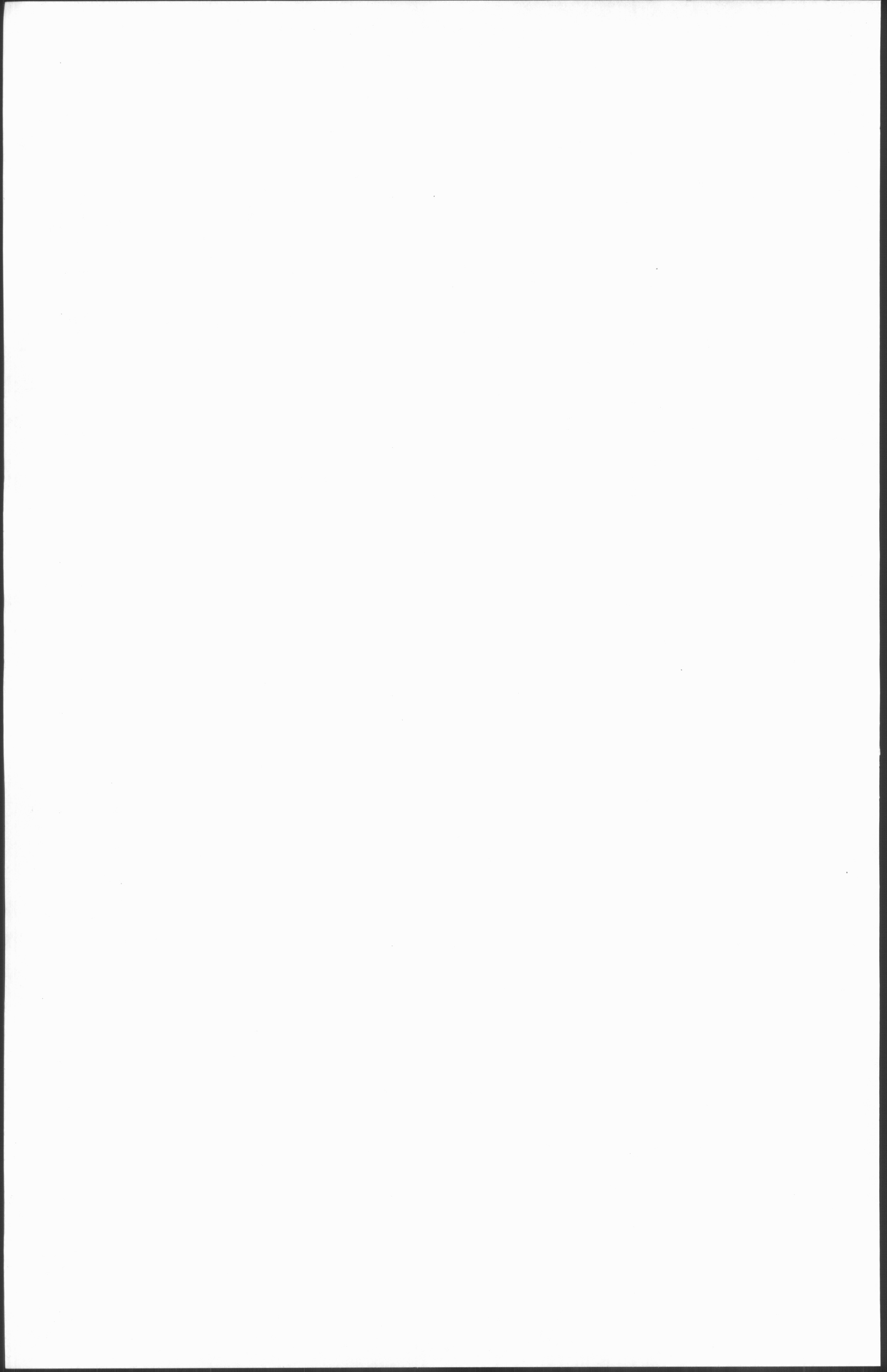
	9 Months ended MARCH					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	17	11,965	2,856	11	25,239	3,895
Deeds of Assignment (a)	10	50,255	43,047	7	13,074	10,271
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	FEBRUARY		6 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earning (£)	411,200	351,740	3,465,800	3,076,300
Working Expenses (£)	506,950	477,539	4,391,621	3,521,206
Train Miles Run	541,872	540,211	4,698,883	4,849,690
Passenger Journeys	1,030,698	1,317,620	8,296,567	9,144,325
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	202,253	207,742	1,712,115	1,748,024
Livestock	13,256	11,199	122,764	117,271
Departmental (Free Freight)	46,058	44,185	383,758	384,384
Total	261,567	263,126	2,218,637	2,249,679
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	29,487,893	29,536,923	242,027,373	255,707,350
Livestock	1,486,282	1,183,469	15,512,553	14,113,638
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,335,173	6,219,675	59,346,244	62,179,675
Total	38,309,348	36,940,067	323,782,670	332,200,663



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

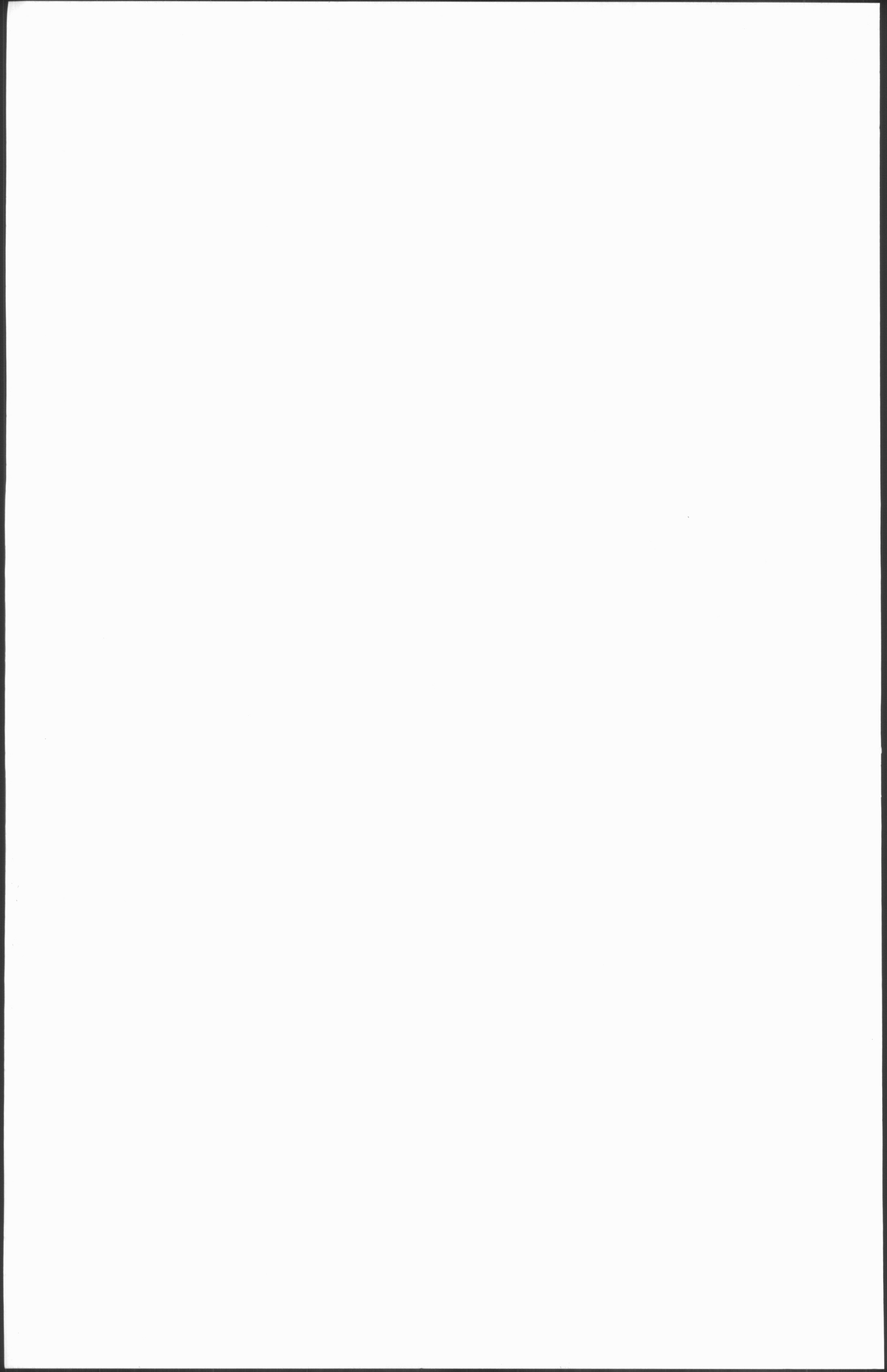
Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1947 -</u>								
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,465	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241
August	22,586	10,574	296	5,706	35,907	34,017	512	8,676
September	22,877	10,765	308	5,851	36,533	34,834	531	8,979
October	23,031	10,880	325	5,913	36,815	35,164	546	9,186
November	23,287	10,979	328	5,975	37,443	35,898	557	9,425
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
February	23,672	11,103	335	6,213	38,241	36,351	594	9,938

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for February, 1949 - 129 Cars; 534 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses, and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, February, 1949 and 1948, and 8 Months ending February, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000	£A, 000
Oversea	2,128	1,561	14,210	10,607	5,486	6,312	32,964	31,308
Interstate	2,099	1,765	20,256	17,005	227	278	3,047	3,943
TOTAL	4,227	3,326	34,466	27,612	5,713	6,590	36,011	35,251



BUILDING ACTIVITY

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by local authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	, 431	3,375	3,978
1948 -										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
Sept. Qr.	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041
Dec. Qr.	226	154	782	993	12	43	71	154	1,091	1,344

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 -										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
Sept. Qr.	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821
Dec. Qr.	400	576	80	66	515	483	11	9	1,006	1,134

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

458,526 lbs. were produced during February, 1949, and 13,430,134 lbs. for the eight months ended February, 1949, as against 492,457 lbs. and 13,521,378 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		MARCH		3 Months ended March	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	48,313	51,278	149,734	146,643
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	519,970	551,807	1,611,512	1,578,353

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1949 amounted to £40,625. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £73,749.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1375	1207	1358	1192	1338	1221	1294	1182
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1522	1347	1500	1337	1441	1331	1395	1288
Northam	1395	1224	1381	1210	1347.	1227	1302	1191
Bunbury	1385	1210	1370	1197	1355	1232	1307	1194
Geraldton	1418	1234	1394	1219	1411	1280	1360	1242
Collie	1396	1218	1379	1205	1288	1170	1246	1137

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

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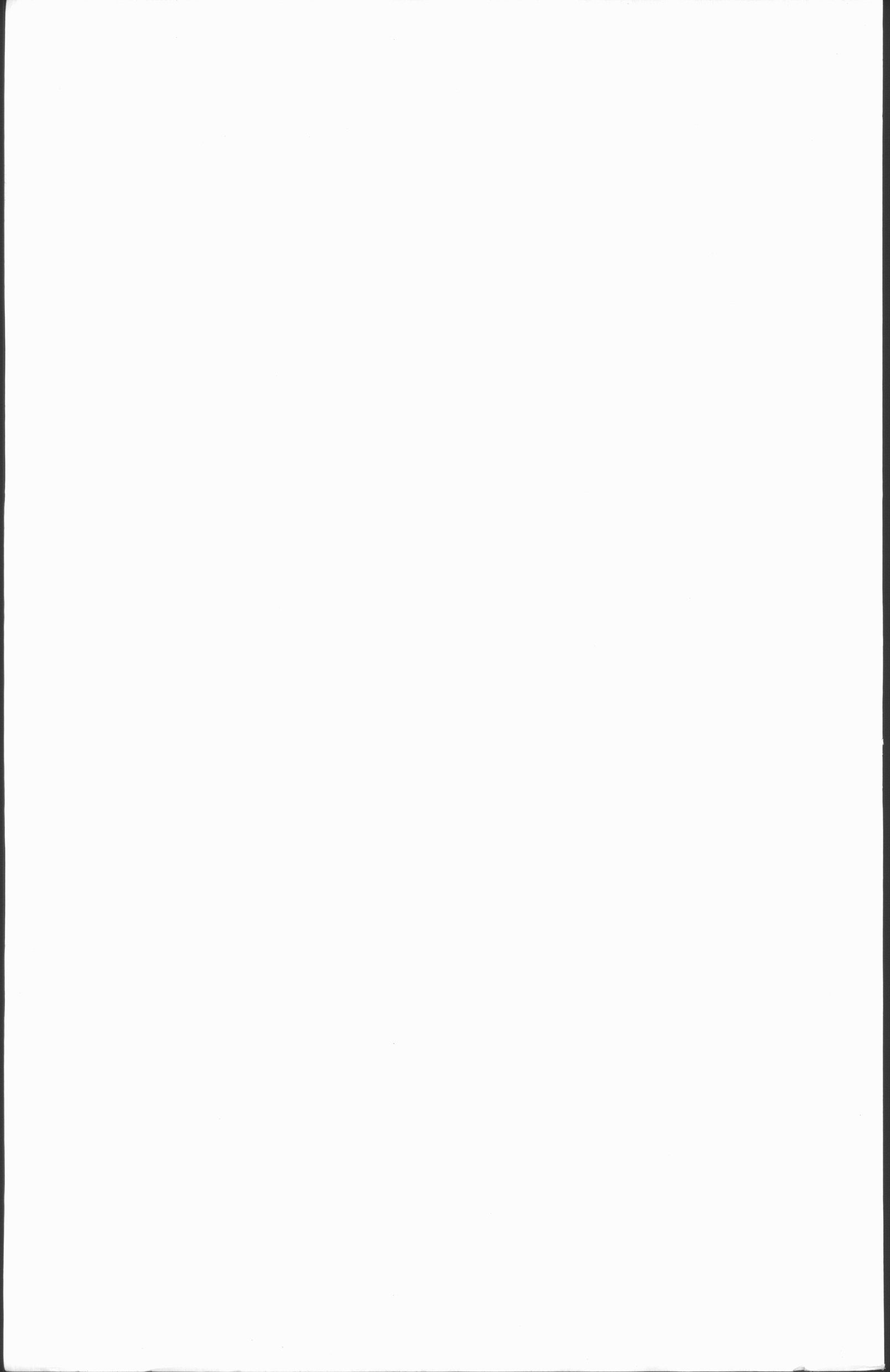
Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832
November	111,010	37,704	148,714
December	111,491	38,015	149,506
<u>1949 -</u>			
January	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	110,931	37,417	148,348

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176		877	1045	1145	1264	
April	144	153	167	176		876	1051	1144	1264	
May	144	154	168	177		891	1069	1151	1277	
June	145	154	167	176		903	1087	1153	1277	
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	410	13	423	373	15	388	781	15	796
August	351	9	360	538	9	547	594	15	609
September	179	5	184	279	5	284	494	15	509
October	183	7	190	235	5	240	442	17	459
November	177	11	188	261	11	272	358	17	375
December	181	7	188	124	9	133	415	15	430
1948 -									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July(a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug.(a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept.(a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct.(a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov.(a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec.(a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
1949 -									
Jan.(a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MARCH		9 Months ended March	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,292	19,548	163,858	167,088
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,255	16,375	138,580	142,789

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
March, 1949	5,561	204	57,772	8,726
March, 1948	5,070	138	49,708	10,346
3 Months ended March, 1949	17,738	1,107	280,969	30,093
3 Months ended March, 1948	15,198	636	162,908	30,440

